



**HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

The Citizens' Advisory Council meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m. at the Northern District Community Room at Police Headquarters.

**Present:** Larry Aaronson, Vivian Bailey, William Brockett, Larry Buehler, Johnny Cipolla, Lesley Flaim, Andrew Hall, Sr, Linda Lee Hickerson, Barb Mueller, Timothy Pierce, Dr. Lewis Saunders, Raghid Shourbaji, Gary Weinberg, Camella Williams, Nollie Wood, Jr, Chief Gary Gardner and Lieutenant Tanya Riffle.

**Absent/Excused:** Janet Bahouth, Brittany Geger, Eileen Harrity, Kimberly Harrity, Peter Newman, Stephen Pidliskey and Susan Watkins.

**Guests:** Ms. Sandy Cederbaum, Ms. Adia Moore and Ms. Genny LaPorte.

**Chairperson – Ms. Lesley Flaim**

- Opened the meeting and reminded the Council that the meeting was being recorded.
- **Marc Fineman** – The Council remembered and honored Marc, one of the Citizens' Advisory Council's founding members. He will be missed.
- **Guests** – Ms. Flaim welcomed Ms. Sandy Cederbaum and Ms. Adia Moore.
- **August & September Meetings** – The August meeting is cancelled for everyone to break for summer vacations. The next meeting will be on September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Minutes** - Were approved as distributed.

**Chief's Report – Chief Gary Gardner**

- **Marc Fineman** – Marc was an integral part of the original group that created the Citizens' Advisory Council. He was very supportive of the Police Department and worked to make a positive difference here in Howard County. Marc would question things that needed to be questioned and always had something to say about everything. He will be sorely missed.
- **Recent National Events** - The concern with tragic events like what happened in Dallas and Baton Rouge is not knowing where individuals are who have the capability of committing these types of atrocities and when they may act out. Policing has changed over time and become very complex. We are instructing our officers to not overreact but we also want them to be vigilant and careful. This is a difficult balance to achieve. Chief has reinforced with the officers to be encouraged because our Howard County community is extremely supportive of the Police Department.

**Mental Health Liaison – Ms. Genny LaPorte, LCPC**

Ms. LaPorte is the Mental Health Liaison working with the Police Department. She is actually not a Police Department employee. She comes courtesy of a partnership with the Howard County Mental Health Authority. Ms. LaPorte's job is to work with the Police Department and:

- Be a partner and liaison between the Police Department, civilians, the community and the



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behavioral health providers in the community.

- Work with the officers on emergency petitions.
- Be part of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for the Police Department. This is a national movement based on a Memphis model. It is an extensive 40 hour training. At this point 190 of our officers have gone through this training. The goal is to have 100% of our officers receive this training.

If anyone has questions or needs assistance, Ms. LaPorte can be contacted at 410.313.6017 or [glaporte@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:glaporte@howardcountymd.gov).

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- ***DUI Checkpoint*** – Will be Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Details will be emailed at a later date.
- ***Police Pace*** – Will be Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. The 9-11 Memorial Ceremony at Memorial Gardens, Centennial Park will start at 8:30am. The race start time is at 9:11am.
- ***Mission BBQ*** – The Ellicott City Mission BBQ held their fundraiser for the Police Department on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be given to the Howard County Police Foundation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Northern District Community Room at Police Headquarters.

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